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Major Highway 1 Repairs Require Temporary Closure of Steep Ravine Cabins and Campground

Bear with us, we are deeply sorry, but work must be done

MT. TAMALPAIS STATE PARK – California State Parks announced with regret today that it must close the popular and much-in-demand Steep Ravine Cabins and Campground for a period of up to five months, beginning this week and ending in March 2007, because Caltrans is closing Highway 1 to repair extensive and serious damage caused by last winter's storms.

People who had reservations for this period have been notified that – with the highway closed and vehicle access to Steep Ravine totally cut off – their reservations have been canceled and refunds have been given for fees already paid.

Because of heavy rains from last winter, serious damage was done to Highway 1 both north and south of Steep Ravine area. In some locations only one lane remained and the roadbed is still settling. In order to prevent catastrophic road failures this winter, Caltrans is repairing Highway 1 in the vicinity of Mt. Tamalpais State Park. These repairs will return Highway 1 to a safe, passable route of travel and prepare it to sustain another heavy winter. Caltrans will also be assisting State Parks with upgrading the parks water system at Steep Ravine as well as other infrastructure enhancements.

The Steep Ravine Cabins and Campground site is located within Mt. Tamalpais State Park along the coast of Marin County, north of San Francisco on Hwy 1, about 2 miles south of the town of Stinson Beach. In 2005/06 this highly visited unit of State Parks generated over \$206,000 in revenue and was used by nearly 20,000 visitors.

The Caltrans project on Highway 1 has seven construction sites over a ten mile zone south of Stinson Beach. Cost estimates for the four projects within Mt. Tamalpais State Park are more than \$22.6 million.

It is unfortunate that Highway 1 must be closed. According to Caltrans engineers, it is necessary for them to perform safe and efficient road construction.

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